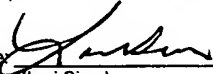


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2006 (Paper No. 20061005), for which a response was due on November 18, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 18, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a data storage cartridge with a shutter locking mechanism, classified in class 720, subclass 738.
- II. Claim 13-21, drawn to a data drive configured to open a slide shutter cartridge, classified in class 720, subclass 643.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, (claims 1-12) without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed on the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **495812005200**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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